



Borough of Bellevue

Incorporated 1867

Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2025, 7:00 pm
Municipal Building
2nd Floor Council Chambers

Call to Order

President Cerminara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Present at the time roll was taken: Ms. Denton, Ms. Mule, Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Dingler, Mr. Ellis, and President Cerminara. A quorum was established.

Absent at the time roll was taken: Mr. Disney, and Mr. Rogers

Borough Representatives in attendance were Mayor Val Pennington, DAS Kelly, ADAS Contes, Solicitor Reis, Police Chief Sentner, Fire Chief Bill Hartman, Engineer Dan Barna, DPW Superintendent Joe Wright, and BCO, Zoning Officer Shawn Jacobs.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Ryan Simmen, 704 Clinton Avenue: He gave a report on some of the statistics of the recent Music Festival sponsored by Bellevue Forward.
- Sean Palacios, 105 N Starr Avenue: He expressed the value of the Music Festival and that "We were even able to beat our sales record we held of all time" and said that he would like Council to consider not charging Bellevue Forward for the use of Borough resources.
- Patrick Kaderka, 494 Lincoln Avenue, owner, Menagerie and Vice-Chairman for Bellevue Forward: He advised he had his best sales day with his highest revenue during the Music Festival.
- Ian R., 25 N Sprague Avenue Owner Eye Buy Gold and Silver: He stated the day of the Music Festival he saw a larger amount of foot traffic into his store; many of the people did not realize his store existed.

Reports

Mayor's Report Not Available

Treasurer's Report (written report provided to Council)

Financial Reports (written report provided to Council)

- Mr. McKelvey asked Chief Sentner for clarification on Police Detail Work Income.
- Mr. McKelvey asked Superintendent Wright for clarification on Public Works Overtime.

DAS Report (written report provided to Council)

Library Report (written report provided to Council)

Public Works Report (written report provided to Council)

- Mr. Wright reminded everyone leaf pick up season has begun.

Code Enforcement Report (written report provided to Council)

- Ms. Dingler questioned if the activity report included any charges for inspections due to the event. Mr. Kelly did advise the Code Department performed many no charge inspections of the businesses involved in the Music Festival.

Fire Department (written report provided to Council)

Police Chief Report (written report provided to Council)

- Chief Sentner stated the Civil Service test will be held October 28th.

Northwest EMS Report (written report provided to Council)

Engineer's Report (written report provided to Council)

- Mayor Pennington asked the purpose of the grant for Gillot Park.

Joint Planning Commission (written report provided to Council)

Shade Tree Commission (No report submitted)

Quaker Valley Council of Governments Report (Executive Director's written report provided to Council)

- Mr. McKelvey reminded Council the Hard to Recycle Event will be on October 18th.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee; Jodi Cerminara, Chair

1. Motion to Approve Payment of the October 14, 2025, Bill List.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Mr. McKelvey

All present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried, 7-0.

2. Motion to Adopt Resolution 21-25 Providing for the Refund of Real Estate Taxes as a result of Changes in Assessed Values and/or Overpayments.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Ms. Stern

All present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried, 7-0.

3. Discussion: Status of JPC.

- Discussion was had concerning the possibility of developing a Bellevue Planning Commission and removing Bellevue from the Joint Planning Commission.

There was a question of how many members are needed. As per the Pennsylvania Municipal Code, a minimum of 3 is required.

Ms. Dingler stated the role of a good solicitor, who is familiar with Pennsylvanias Municipal Code, is very crucial.

Mr. Kelly will work with the solicitor to get information for the committee on the process.

Parks and Recreation Committee; Jennie Denton, Chair

Nothing on the Agenda.

Public Safety Committee; Russell Ellis, Chair

1. Discussion: Bellevue Forward's Music Festival Borough expenses.

- Mr. Kelly provided a detailed account for the cost the Borough incurred during the Music Festival, as well as the cost we incur during other events.

Mayor Pennington agreed this is a new process for the Borough and we need to make sure we make a precedent for the future.

Ms. Dingler feels the cost incurred should be used as information for the future, but cost to the Borough should not be passed on to Bellevue Forward, as nothing is in writing of the expenses that would be assessed.

Extensive discussion followed. A motion for the Borough to pay the expenses without invoicing will be made at the regular Council meeting.

2. Discussion: Resolution 20-25 Enforcement of Non-Criminal Immigration Laws.

- Ms. Dingler questioned some of the wording of the proposed resolution.

Public Works Committee; Dan McKelvey, Chair

1. Motion to Approve Street Banner Application from Bona Fide Bellevue for Light Up Night.

Moved: Mr. McKelvey

Second: Ms. Mule

All present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried, 7-0.

2. Motion to Award Fire Escape Project to Grahamboys, LLC in the amount of \$146,669.00 from account 01.409.373.

Moved: Mr. McKelvey

Second: Ms. Denton

All present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items (limit of 2 minutes)

- Ryan Simmen, 704 Clinton Place: He stated he will be taking information back to Bellevue Forward's Board and will be in touch.
- Jane Braunlich, 27 E. Roseridge Avenue: She expressed the need to have fees placed in the Event Ordinance.
The Home Rule Charter states the rules of the Planning Commission.
How can we get the ghost poles removed around the Borough.
- Ian R., 25 N. Sprague Avenue: He hopes that something is put in writing what fees may be assessed in the future.
- Logan Robins, 197 N. Jackson Avenue: He stated the Music Festival Committee is very aware of what communications are required with the Borough but they opted not to. It is not fair for the residents to pay for an event that they did not vote for, and do not want their tax dollars used for an event when funding can go towards many other needs of the Borough.

Executive Session: Meeting suspended at 8:27 pm

1. Police Department Personnel Issue.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

ATTEST


James Kelly, Director of Administrative Services


Jodi Cerminara, Council President